2. DAMAGE TO UNDERGROUND PIPELINES AND UTILITIES

Because there are federal and state legal requirements that require reports on particular natural gas leaks, the gas pipeline damage statistics are now more complete. Evaluations for damage to underground facilities of nongas utilities are also presented.

2.1 Damage to Natural Gas Pipelines

This damage statistics section is divided into a number of subsections; leak repair, reportable leaks, pipeline system, and pipeline materials.

2.1.1 Pipeline Leaks and Damage Reports -

2.1.1.1 OPSO Reports: In addition to the individual reports on reportable leaks, the natural gas distribution, transmission, and field gathering pipeline operators are required by law to sbumit two other types of reports to OPSO.

One is the Test Failure Report on gas transmission and gathering system (same form as that for reportable leaks) that contains information pertaining to the failure of gas pipelines resulting from hydrostatic or other tests performed by or for the pipeline operators. The second is the Annual Report (Form DOT F7100.1-1 for gas distribution systems and Form DOT F7100.2-1 for gas transmission and gathering systems) that contains statistics pertaining to various types of gas pipeline operations including the mileage of gas pipelines, number of services, the mileage of new gas pipelines added to the systems during the calendar year, the number of new services added during the year, number of leaks repaired during the year, background information of these leaks, etc.

These reports have been received and processed by **OPSO** since 1970 and provided vital data on natural gas pipelines heretofore unavailable. The format of these reports is presently being revised by **OPSO** to facilitate their processing and make them more useful.

In some states, the gas pipeline operators are required by state law or regulations, to submit the reports to OPSO through state commissions or agencies so that the state governments can maintain records on the status of gas pipelines under their jurisdiction. In such cases, duplicate reports may be required on the gas pipeline operators. Some states may require the submission of reports that are different from the OPSO reports.

One should be aware of exemptions from reporting requirements. Gas distribution system operators with fewer than 100,000 customers do not have to file reports on leaks (DOT Form F7100.1). All gas distribution system operators must file annual reports (DOT Form F7100.1-1) except for petroleum gas systems which serve less than 100 customers from a single source. Transmission and gathering system operators must file leak reports within 20 days after discovering a leak (DOT Form F7100.2).

2.1.1.2 Company Reports: The utility companies may have developed reporting forms of their own to keep records on repair work performed by maintenance crews or on damages to their facilities. These reporting forms vary from company to company. Some of these forms are more work-oriented while others may be used by their claims department for reestablishing legal responsibilities so that the utility companies can collect on the damage inflicted by outside parties. An example of a company report form is presented in Figure 2.1 which is used by a gas-electricity combination utility company in the West.

Comparing the company report form presented in Figure 2.1 to that of OPSO reports will show that they are different. Obviously these report forms were developed for different purposes, though overlapping to some extent. An approximate evaluation is that the OPSO form attempts to affix a cause of pipeline failure (not necessarily blame) and thus requires a fairly complete description of the pipeline involved including its conditions, geometries, and past testing history, while the estimate of property damage cost is confined to a single dollar entry.

CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC UTILITIES COMPANY DAMAGE TO COMPANY FACILITIES

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Date Signature of Dist	trict Office Manager

Figure 2.1 Facility Damage Report Form

The company report forms, on the other hand, usually require a description of the extent of the damage and detailed definition of the repairs and repair costs, frequently including the amount of labor involved, vehicle and tool used, and newly installed materials with credit for salvage.

2.1.2 Leak Repair -

2.1.2.1 OPSO Annual Reports: The annual reports submitted to OPSO by natural gas distribution, transmission, and gathering system operators contain information on the mileage of active gas pipelines. Note that the exemption mentioned earlier excludes leak reports of the gas distribution systems with less than 100,000 customers. The annual reports include all operators.

These data were analyzed in this program. Figure 2.2 presents the total mileage of gas distribution mains and number of gas services in the United States reported to OPSO by gas distribution system operators at the end of each of the 6 years. Figure 2.3 presents the total mileage of gas transmission and gathering systems in the United States. The data show that the mileage of gas distribution pipelines and the number of services have been on the rise during the 6-year period (except in 1975) while the total mileage of gas transmission-gathering pipelines has changed very little during the same period.

The number of leaks repaired by natural gas pipeline operators during each of the 6 years is shown in Figures 2.4 and 2.5, in which the number of leaks repaired are broken down according to the reported causal factors. The data show that the number of leaks on the natural gas distribution systems has been on the rise while that of natural gas transmission-gathering systems has been decreasing steadily. If one takes the increase in the mileage of gas distribution mains and in the number of gas services into account, the number of leaks repaired per mile of gas distribution pipelines stayed fairly constant during the 6-year period. Assuming the average length of a gas service to be 5C feet and converting the total number of gas services to miles and combining the figures to that of gas mains, the number of leaks

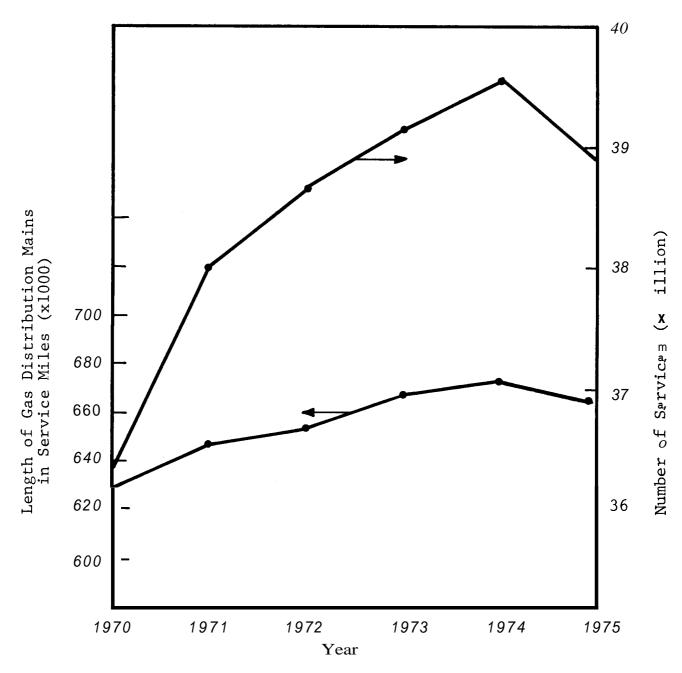


Figure 2.2 Total Mileage of Plains and Number of Services in Gas Distribution Pipelines in the United States

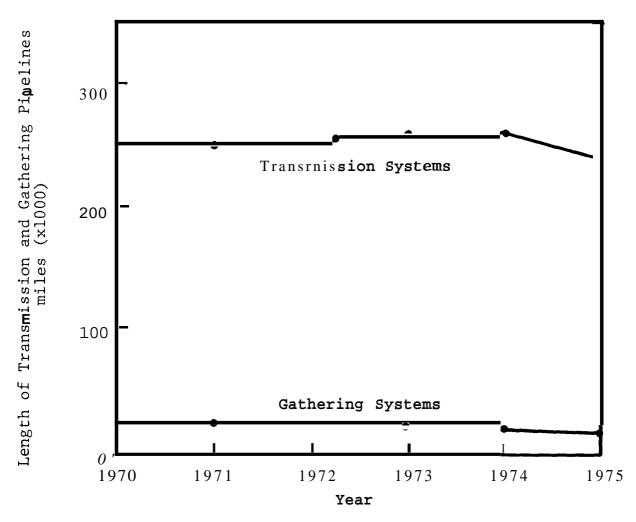


Figure 2.3 Total Mileage of Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipelines in the United States

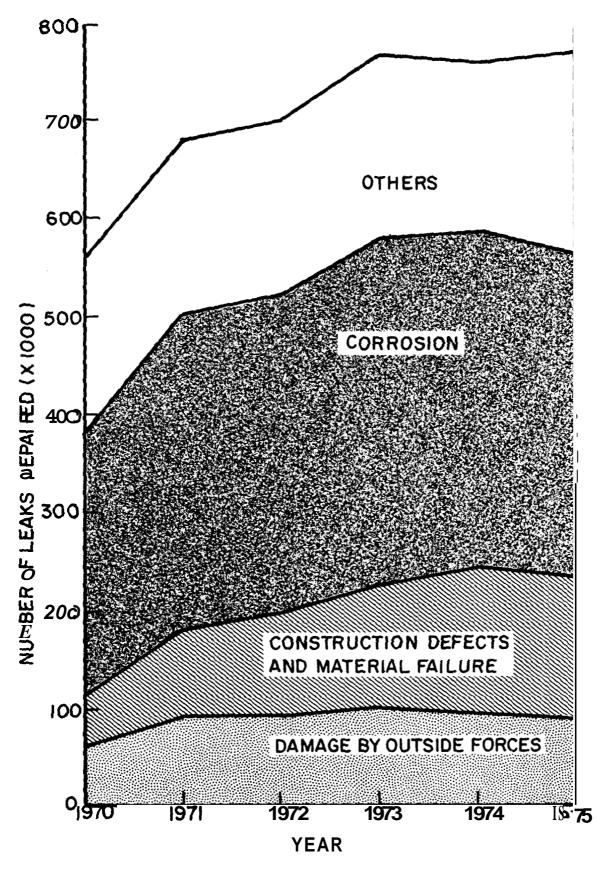


Figure 2.4 Number of Leaks Repaired on Gas Distribution Systems (OPSO data: 1970-1975)

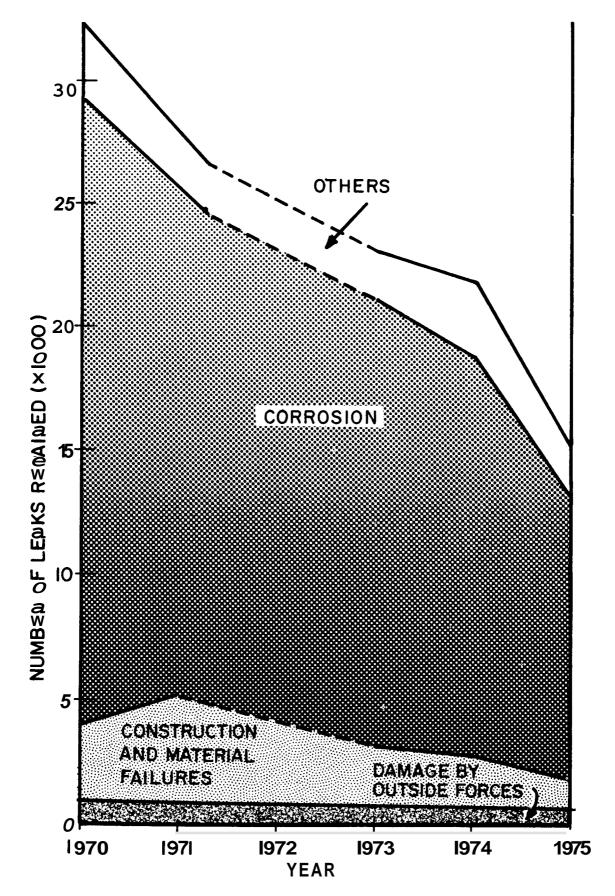


Figure 2.5 Number of Leaks Repaired on Gas Transmission-Gathering Systems (OPSO data: 1970-1975)

repaired per mile of gas distribution pipelines in each of the 6 years are shown in Table 2.1, which also contains the similar figures for the gas transmission-gathering systems.

TABLE 2.1 ESTIMATED LEAK REPAIR FREQUENCY OF GAS DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSMISSION-GATHERING PIPELINE SYSTEMS

	Number of	Leaks	Repaire	d per M	lile of	<u>Pipeline</u>
	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Distribution Mains and Services	0.58	0.67	0.69	0.74	0.73	0.75
Transmission-Gathering Systems	0.12	0.093	0.083	0.083	0.077	0.056

The data in Table 2.1 basicially show:

- o Leak repair frequency of gas distribution systems is considerably higher than that of gas transmissiongathering systems
- o Leak repair frequency of gas distribution systems has been steadily rising during the 6-year period
- Leak repair frequency of gas transmission-gathering systems has been steadily decreasing during the same period.

The data presented in Figures 2.4 and 2.5 also show that among the leaks detected and repaired by gas pipeline operators during the 6-year period, only a small percentage of them were attributed to damage by outside forces; the percentage is particularly small in leaks of gas transmission-gathering systems. The total number of leaks repaired because of outside force damage remained relatively constant during the 6-year period; corrosion failures were predominant in both gas distribution and transmission-gathering systems. Therefore, from the point of reducing the gas pipeline maintenance costs, corrosion control seems to be the most effective approach.

Figure 2.6 presents the number of outside force damages to gas pipelines per mile of pipeline. These data were constructed by converting the number of gas services to miles of gas pipelines by assuming each gas service is 50 feet in length. The data show that the number of outside force damages per mile of gas pipelines has been relatively constant for gas distribution systems and has been steadily decreasing for gas transmission and gathering systems.

2.1.2.2 <u>Industrial Input</u>: As indicated, many gas pipeline operators have kept records on pipeline damage. These records are generally devoted to dig-in types of damage, namely, outside party damages; corrosion and other leaks are not included. Figure 2.7 presents the annual damage statistics of several gas distribution companies of various sizes and geographical locations. These data show that the seven gas utilities fared differently in outside party damage. Utility number 1 has had the highest number of damages but the number has been declining steadily since 1968. For utility number 2, the number of damages has been increasing steadily since 1971. The data of several other gas utilities show that the number of damages on gas pipelines has been fairly constant during the last 6 years.

The identities of the utilities shown in Figure 2.7 (also 2.8 and 2.25) are:

- 1. A large northern state gas-electric combined utility
- 2. A large west coast gas utility
- 3. A northwestern state gas utility
- 4. A southern state gas utility
- 5. A large northern city gas utility
- 6. A southwestern state gas-electric utility
- 7. Data from Ohio Public Utility Commission, Gas Systems

Figure 2.8 presents data on the annual damage incidents per mile of gas distribution mains of four selected gas companies.

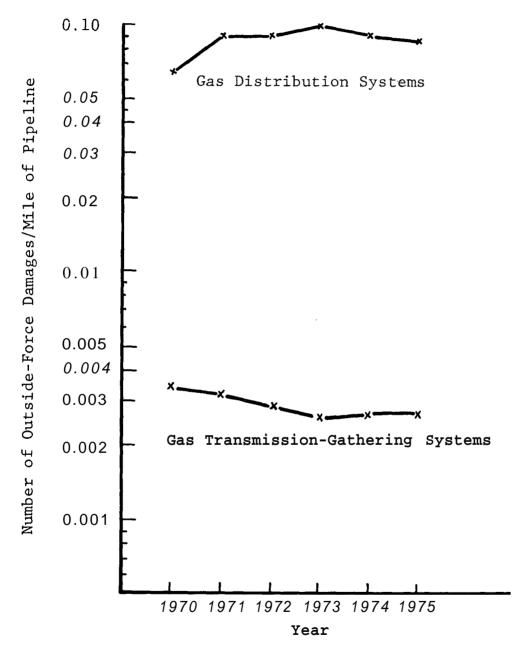


Figure 2.6 Annual Outside Force Damage to Gas Pipelines in the United States (OPSO data: 1970-1975)

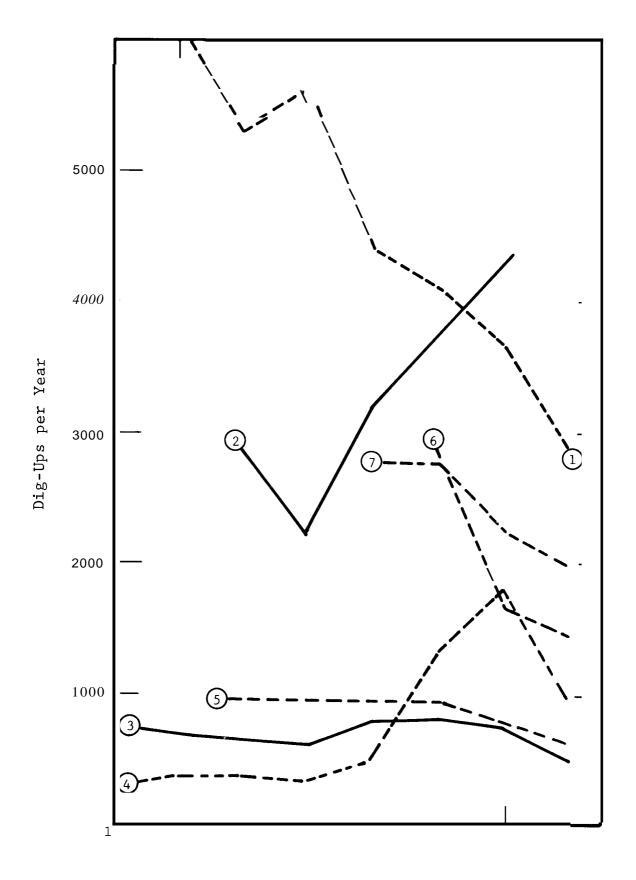


Figure 2.7 Annual Damages to Seven Gas Distribution Operators

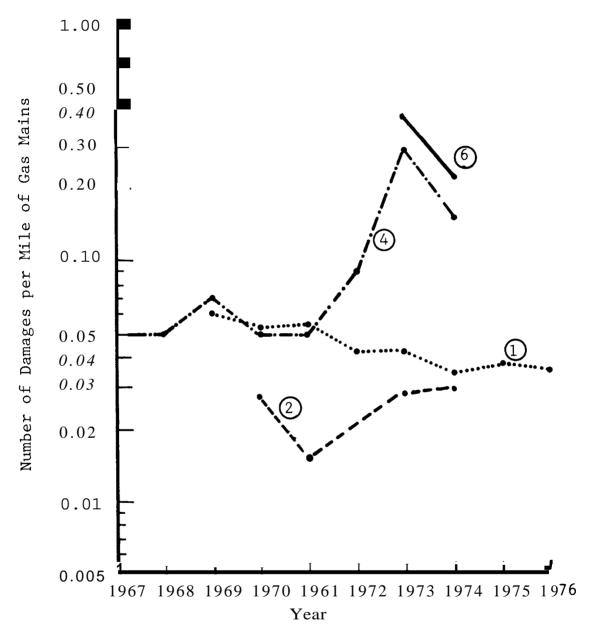


Figure 2.8 Annual Outside Party Damage to Selected Gas Distribution Operators

The data show that utility number 4 (a southern gas distribution company) and utility number 6 (a southwestern state gas-electric utility) have comparatively higher damage rates and both utilities are located in cities that have been known in recent years to have a high intensity of construction activities. The high damage rate of gas distribution mains of utility number 4 has been blamed on the type of state laws that were enacted just before the significant increase in damage rate shown in Figure 2.8. The law specifically exempted certain utilities from being required to join a one-call system. In the case of utility number 6, there has been a great deal of praise for the effectiveness of their damage prevention programs.

The national average damage rate (hit per mile) for gas distribution systems due to outside parties is not known because of data reporting; some operators report hits on services and some report only hits on mains because the operator does not own the services. It is estimated that damage is equally divided between service pipes and mains. Thus for distribution mains the damage rate is $\approx 0.1 \div 2 = 0.05$ (Figure 2.6). The damage rate of both utility 4 and 6 (Figure 2.8) are much higher than the assumed national average of 0.05. Both are in the sunbelt area where construction rates are high.

2.1.3 <u>Reportable Leaks</u> - The OPSO supplies a form on which all of the required reportable leaks data are defined. Figures 2.9 and 2.10 are reproductions of the required forms for distribution systems and transmission and gathering systems.

Each of the gas utilities has developed reporting forms of its own, and usually these forms are used by the claims department. These forms are slanted in the direction of establishing legal responsibility so that the utility can rightfully be reimbursed for the damages. The utility form develops a perfunctory background description of damage to the pipeline by requiring a detailed entry of the various items including labor, vehicle and tool use, and newly installed material with credit for salvage.

The OPSO forms were developed to report on system safety; the system operators must use these forms for reportable leaks. The utility forms were developed to support their claims departments. There is overlap between the OPSO and utility forms.

The utility specifically does not record: corrosion (i.e., not dig-in type damage) though they do report to OPSO on leak repairs, at least the number of leaks repaired; much detail on construction or material failure, hence little on pipe geometry or pipe testing history; operating pressure; method of leak or failure detection, type of repair; personal injury; or environmental description.

Neither the OPSO form nor the utility damage report form requires a description of the excavation size (i.e., trench depth and width) at which the damage occurred. Neither requires a description of the size of any excavation machinery which was in use, and neither requires a description of the extent of damage. Indirectly the utility does describe the extent of damage in that it does require a detailed definition of the repairs and repair costs.

Many, in fact most, of the gas utility damage reports are not concerned with reportable leaks. The gas utilities, and others, are concerned that a report form might be required as part of a damage reduction program. They claim that presently about 80 percent of the data that should be desired is recorded. The larger gas utilities now use computer information retrieval systems, and state that they would like to see a yearly report made for data base development. If a more general report form was in use, it would seem to be an attractive solution.

2.1.3.1 <u>Classification of Reportable Leaks</u>: The OPSO Individual Leak Report data show that during the 6-year period of 1970 to 1975, a total of 5230 reportable leaks occurred on natural gas distribution systems (for an average of 872 cases per year) and a total of 2459 reportable leaks on natural gas transmission and gathering systems (for an average of 410 cases per year).

	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	
INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this sid	AK REPORT—DISTRIBUTIONS	
	c cause of leak or failure and co	mplete the pertinent part(s) on the reverse side,
CORROSION DAMAGE BY OUT	SIDE CONSTRUCTION DEFECT OR FAILURE—PART-C	MATERIAL OTHER (Describe incident in detail in writing and attach to this form where parts are no: applicable.)
the particular leak are to he co	ompleted. In all parts of the for	is should be stated. Only such portions of the form as apply to m which are not applicable, the letters "NA" should be insened to complete this form, the operator may telephone the Department
	line Safety, Area Code 202,962-	0, Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time.
1. OPERATOR INFORMATION	Œ	I. TYPE OF REPAIR
NAME OF OPERATOR		a. Pipe
NUMBER & STREET		(1) ☐ Weld over sleeve (4) ☐ Replace pipe (Length) (2) ☐ Patch-welded
NOMBER & SIREE!		(3) Clamp (5) Other repair or dispositio
CITY & COUNTY		b. Component (Specify)
STATE & ZIP CODE		(1) ☐ Replaced (3) ☐ Other (Specify)
REPORTING OFFICIAL'S TELEPHONE NUMBER	(Include Area Code)	PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTING FROM ESCAPE OF GAS
		a. Number of employee(s)
 LOCATION AND TIME OF LEAK OR FA NUMBER & STREET 	AILURE	(1) Fatalities
		b. Number of non-employee(s)
		(1) Fatalities
CITY & COUNTY		(2) Injured and requiring medical treatment other than on-site first aid
STATE & ZIP CODE		Yes No
b. TIME OF DETECTION C HOU	RS & MIUUTES BETWEEN TIME OF DETEC-	c. Rupture occurred
(1) DATE (2) HOUR	A TIME SCAPE OF GAS WAS STOPPED	e. Explosion occurred(1) (2)
		f. Incident induced any secondary explosions or fires
d. ESTIMATED PRESSURE AT POINT AND TIME OF INCIDENT (PSIG)	e MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE OPERATING PRESSURE (PSIG)	g. Estimated value of operator's property damage \$
		1 ENVIRONMENTAL DESCRIPTION
		a. Predominant type of area (1) □ Commercial (4) □ Rural
		(2) Industrial (5) Unknown
		(3) ☐ Residential (6) ☐ Other (Specify)————————————————————————————————————
(3) Customer		Multi-story Single-story
A. PART OF SYSTEM WHERE LEAK OR I	FAILURE OCCURRED	(1) Commercial $a \square b \square$
	(Specify)	(2) Industrial a b b b b b b b b b b b b b b b b b b
b. Service 5. PART OF SYSTEM WHICH LEAKED OF	R FAILED	(4) Other (Specify) a b
a. Part		c. Approximate distance to nearest above ground structure I Within 1 mile of leak)
(1) ☐ Pipe (4) ☐ Dri (2) ☐ Valve (5) ☐ Reg		d. Did other underground facility (ies) contribute
(3) Fitting (6) Tap		to occurrence of leak in any manner? Yes No
b. Date installed		e. If so, what was effect of existence of other facility(ies)?
 MATERIAL WHICH LEAKED OR FAILE a. Material 	D	f. Was other utility(ies) imperiled by
_	opper (7) Other (Specify)	the leak? (1) \(\sum \) Yes (2) \(\sum \) NO g. Distance of other facility (ies) or utility (ies) from leak
(2) ☐ Plastic (5) ☐ Di (3) ☐ Cast iron (6) ☐ W	rought iron	or failure location
	ed or failed the same material	Other facility (ies) contributing to Other utility (ies) impaired
3 611 1	nent? (1) \B Yes (2) \B No	Ft. (1) Other gas (8) ft.
(If "No," describe material in	the adjoining component or parts)	Ft, (2)
c. Is a metallurgical analysis p	lannad?	Ft. (4) Sewers (Storm) (11)Ft.
(1) ☐ Yes (2) ☐ No	iannea:	Ft, (5) Sewers (Other) (12)Ft,FtFt.
7 ORIGIN OF LEAK OR FAILURE		Ft. (7) Other (Specify) (14)Ft.
a. Base material fracture	e. Corrosion	
 b. ☐ Longitudinal weld c. ☐ Girth weld 	f. Other (Specify)	h. Location of leak or failure (1) Within building (5) area (Specify)
d. Other field weld		(2) Above ground (6) Below walkway
Nominal Disease (7.1.)	h Nominal II del 1	(3) ☐ Below ground (7) ☐ Below road → (4) ☐ Below water a ☐ Paved h ☐ Median or
1. Nominal Diameter (Inches)	b. Nominal wall thickness (Inches)	i. Depth of coverinches unpaved
:. Specification and grade	d. Grade	j. Soil information at pipe depth (I) Soil (2) Rock
2. ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION OF INC	IDENT OR FOR CONTINUATION OF EX	(3) Estimated soil temperature at point of leak — " F
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NAME AND TITLE OF REPORTING OFFICE	CIAL	SIGNATURE OF REPORTING OFFICIAL

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION								
LEAK OR TEST FAILURE REPORT — TRANSMISSION &	GATHERING SYSTEMS							
□ LEAK □ TEST FAILURE REPORT REWRT □ NEW CONSTRUCTION □ EXISTING FACULTY (Specify reason for test)								
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1. OPERATOR INFORMATION NAME OF OPERATOR	10. PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTING FROM ESCAPE OF GAS							
NAME OF OPERATOR	a Number of employee(s)							
NUMBER & STREET	(I) Fatalities—							
	(2) Suffering lost-time injuries—							
CITY & COUNTY	b. Number of non-employee(s)							
	(1) Fatalities							
STATE & ZIP CODE	than on-site first aid							
REPORTING OFFICIAL'S TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)	No No							
	c. Rupture occurred							
LEAK WITH RUPTURE a. Shear fracture (feet) b. Cleavage fracture (feet)	e. Explosion occurred (1)							
a. Shou Hactare (1966)	f. Incident induced any (1) (2) (1)							
c. Has a fracture toughness test been made on the ma-	secondary explosions or fires							
terial that failed? (1) Yes (2) No.	g. Estimated value of operator's property damage \$							
d. Is a metallurgical analysis planned? (1) \square Yes (2) \square No	11. ENVIRONMENTAL DESCRIPTION							
3. LOCATION AND TIME OF LEAK OR FAILURE	a. Predominant type of area (I) At time of construction (2) At time of incident							
a. Sumber & Street	a ☐ Commercial a ☐ Commercial							
City & County	b Industrial b Industrial							
on, a sounn,	c ☐ Residential c ☐ Residential							
State & ZIP Code b. Mile Post c. Survey Station No.	d □ Rural d □ Rural							
	e ☐ Undeveloped e ☐ Undeveloped f ☐ Unknown f ☐ Other (Specify)							
d. Time of Detection (1) Date (2) Hour (2) Hour	g Other (Specify)							
f. Estimated pressure at point and g. Maximum allowable operating time of incident pressure	b. Predominant above-ground structure adjacent to leak							
(PSIG) (PSIG)	Multi-story Single-story (1) Commercial a □ b □							
(1310)	(1) Commercial $a \sqcup b \sqcup $							
4. LEAK OR FAILURE OCCURRED ON	(3) Residential 4							
a. ☐ Transmission system c. ☐ Gathering system	(4) None							
b. Transmission line of distribution system 5. PART OF SYSTEM WHICH LEAKED OR FAILED	(5) Other (Specify) 4							
_	c. Approximate distance to pearest above around eterotron							
a. Part (4) ☐ Regulator station (1) ☐ Pipeline (5) ☐ Meter station	c. Approximate distance to nearest above-ground structure (Within 1 mile of leak),							
(2) Compressor station (6) Other (Specify)	d. Did other underground facility(ies) contribute to							
(3) Dehydration plant	occurrence of leak in any manner? (1) 🗆 Yes (2) 🗆 No							
b. Date installed 6. ORIGIN OF LEAK OR FAILURE	e. If so, what was effect on existence of other facility(ies)?							
a. Body of pipe g. Scraper trap	f. Was other utility (ies) imperiled by							
b. Girth weld h. Tap connection	the leak? (1) Yes (2) No							
c. Longitudinal weld i. Fitting (Type)	g. Distance of other facility(ies) or utility(ies) from leak or							
d. Other held weld j. Gas cooler e. Compressor k. Other (Specify)	failure location							
e. ☐ Compressor k. ☐ Other (Specify) f. ☐ Valve	Other facility (ies) contributing to Other utility (icr) Impaired							
7. MATERIAL WHICH LEAKED OR FAILED	Ft. (1) □ Other gas (8) □Ft. Ft. (2) □ Telephone (9) □Ft.							
a. Steel b. Plastic c. Other (Specify)	Ft. (3) 🗆 Electric (10) 🗀 Ft.							
a. Doctor o. Driastic C. Dotter (Spenj))	Ft. (4) Sewers (Storm) (11)Ft.							
a. Nominal diameter (Inches) b. Nominal wall thickness	Ft. (5) Sewers (Other) (12)Ft.							
a. Nominal diameter (Inches) b. Nominal wall thickness (Inches)	Ft. (6) Water (13) FtFtFt. Ft. (7) Other (Specify) (14) Ft.							
c. Pipe specification d. Grade								
	h. Location of leak or failure							
9. TYPE OF REPAIR a. Pipe	(1) Within building (5) Below walkway							
(1) Weld over-sleeve (4) Replace pipe (length)	(2) ☐ Above ground (6) ☐ Below road → a ☐ Paved							
(2) Patch-weldedfeet	(3) ☐ Below ground b ☐ Median or unpaved, (4) ☐ Below water (7) ☐ Below other paved area							
(3) O Clamp (5) Other repair or disposition	(4) Below water (/) Below other paved area (Specify)							
h. Component	(i) Depth of cover inches							
(1) Replaced (3) Other (Specify)	(j) Soil information at pipe depth (1) ☐ Soil (2) ☐ Rock							
(2) Reconditioned	(3) Estimated soil temperature at point of leak°F							
NAME AND TITLE OF REPORTING OFFICIAL	SIGNATURE OF REPORTING OFFICIAL							

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Reportable leaks are also classified, according to the contributing factors outlined by OPSO, into four groups:

- o Damage by outside forces
- o Corrosion
- o Construction defects and material failure
- o Others

Table 2.2 presents such a breakdown for both gas distribution and transmission-gathering systems for the period of 1970 to 1975. In contrast to the data of the total number of leaks repaired by gas pipelines (Figures 2.4 and 2.5), over 70 percent of the reportable leaks in gas distribution systems and over 56 percent of those in gas transmission-gathering systems were attributed to damage by outside forces as is shown in Figures 2.11 and 2.12. It it clear that leaks caused by outside forces are more likely to release a large amount of gas, and thus are much more hazardous to the safety of the public.

TABLE 2.2 PIPELINE REPORTABLE LEAKS (OPSO data: 1970-1975, 6-year cumulative total)

Cause	Gas Distr	ibution Systems	Transmission &	Gathering Systems
Identification	1*	% of Total	I*	% of Total
1. Damage by				
Outside Force	s 3704	70.8	1384	56.3
2. Corrosion	674	12.9	366	14.9
3. Contruction D	e-			
fect or Mater	ial			
Failure	519	9.9	540	21.9
4. Other	333	6.4	169	6.9
Total	5230	100.0	2459	100.0
				

Incidents

Table 2.3 shows a comparison of the total number of leaks repaired with the number of reportable leaks. Outside force damage reportable leaks account for nearly 1 percent of the total number of outside force damage repaired leaks.

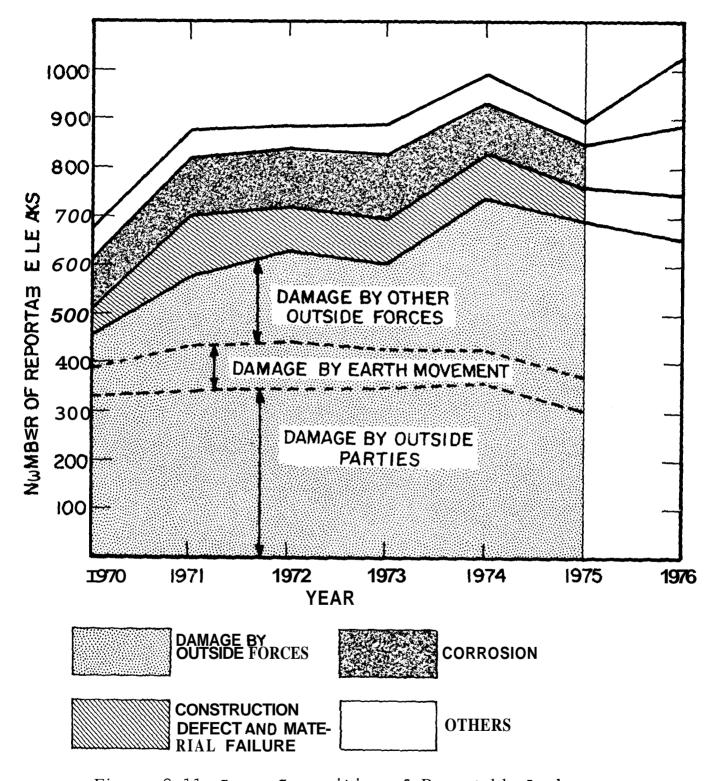


Figure 2.11 Cause Composition of Reportable Leaks; Gas Distribution Systems (OPSO data: 1970-1975)

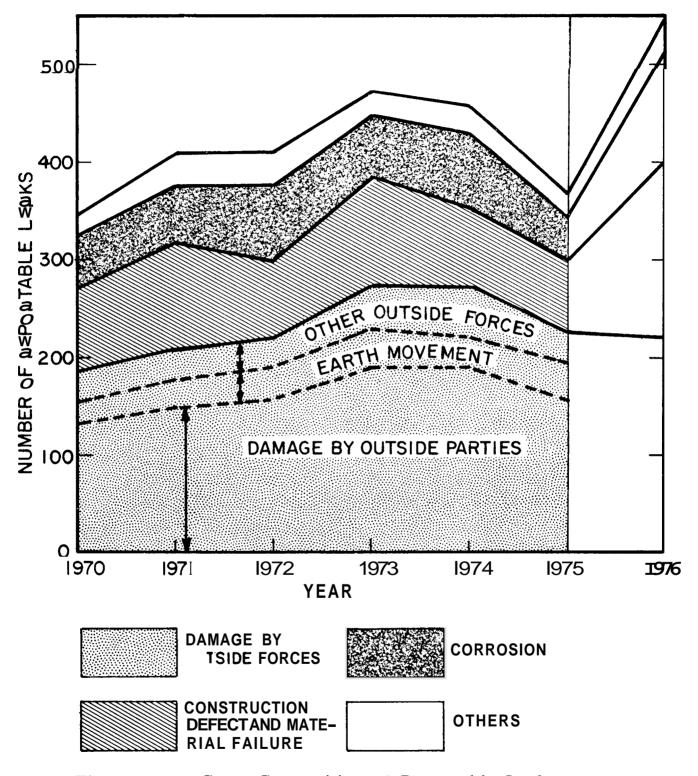


Figure 2.12 Cause Composition of Reportable Leaks; Gas Transmission and Gathering Systems (OPSO data: 1970-1975)

TABLE 2.3 PERCENTAGE OF REPORTABLE LEAKS REPAIRED ON GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS (OPSO data: 1970-1975, 6-year cumulative totals)

Cause Factors	Number of Leaks Repaired (N)	Number of Reportable Leaks (n)	% Reportable 100(n/N)
1. Corrosion 2. Outside Force	1,934,870	674	0.035
Damage 3. Construction Defect of Mate-	532,769	3704	0.695
rial Failure 4. Others	667,480 1,103,802	519 333	0.078 0.030

A similar treatment will show that leaks of gas transmission-gathering systems are more likely than that of gas distribution systems to become reportable due to the higher operating pressures. The leaks caused by outside force damage to gas transmission-gathering systems are particularly likely to be reportable; more than one-fourth of these leaks were reportable as shown by OPSO data.

The data presented in Table 2.4 indicate that the majority of the damage to gas pipelines was caused by earthmoving equipment operated by or for parties other than the pipeline operators - the so-called outside party damage. The identifications of these parties were not revealed in the OPSO computer data but could well include other utility system operators. If the utilities had accumulated more complete data they could confirm or refute this statement. The utility representatives note that contractors cause the damage but it is not spelled out as to who hires the contractors.

The number of reportable leaks, damage by outside forces, and damage by outside parties occurring in each of the 50 states, (plus the District of Columbia) during each of the 6 years are tabulated to obtain the geographical distribution of these data. The tabulated data for gas distribution systems are presented in Table 2.5; the data for gas transmission-gathering systems are presented in Table 2.6. Note that these OPSO reportable leak

data were received only from gas distribution systems with more than 100,000 customers. The pipeline mileage (of mains) is for all of the gas companies in the particular state. Thus any damage rate per mile statistic that is developed will be on the low side since the mileage is correct but the actual damages that occurred are greater than the damages reported in the table.

TABLE 2.4 PIPELINE DAMAGE BY OUTSIDE FORCES (OPSO data: 1970-1975, 6-year cumulative total)

	ause <u>-</u>	Gas Distri	bution Systems	Transmission &	Gathering Systems	3
	ctor	ı*	% of Total	I*	% of Total	
1.	Equipment					
(Operated					
1	by/for Outside					
	Parties	2033	54.9	957	69.1	
2.	Equipment					
(Operated by/					
:	for Pipeline					
	Operator	110	3.0	86	6.2	
3 .]	Earth Movement	463	12.5	192	13.9	
4.	Weather	199	5.4	74	5.3	
5. °	Willful Damage	56	1.5	20	1.5	
6.	Vehicle	309	8.3	31	2.2	
7.	Other	530	14.3	23	1.7	
8.	Not Applicable					
•	or Not Specifie	ed 4	0.1	1	0.0	
,	Total	3704	100.0	1384	100.0	

Incidents

A review of these data showed that the damage to gas pipelines in the United States is concentrated in relatively few states. Specifically, about 81 percent of the national reportable leaks in gas distribution systems during the past 6 years occurred in 17 states, with California, Michigan, and Texas leading the list. Likewise, over 80 percent of the national reportable leaks in gas transmission-gathering systems during the past 6 years occurred in 15 states, with Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma leading this list. These findings are summarized in Tables 2.7 and 2.8.

TABLE 2.5 BREAKDOWN BY STATES OF PIPELINE REPORTABLE LEAKS FOR GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

		1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	Total
1.	Alabama 12,4864	25 17 10	32 23 6	30 27 7	37 31 6	22 19 5	26 24 6	172 ¹ 141 ² 40 ³
2.	Alaska 753	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
3.	Arizona 10,148	13 6 3	41 36 10	42 31 14	45 35 16	37 28 11	40 32 17	218 168 71
4.	Arkansas 10,008	3 3 3	5 4 3	7 5 3	8 5 3	4 2 1	7 5 4	34 24 17
5.	California 63,848	104 71 56	149 96 63	143 101 58	165 107 76	139 107 80	154 120 57	859 602 390
6.	Colorado 11,060	5 5 3	4 3 2	6 6 5	9 7 2	2 1 1	11 10 4	37 32 17
7.	Connecticut 5.505	13 10 8	5 2 2	3 2 0	2 1 1	5 4 1	9 9 4	37 28 16
8.	Delaware 1.094	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	<i>0</i> <i>0</i> 0	0 0 0
9.	District of Columbia 1,140	14 7 3	9 5 2	11 8 3	7 5 4	14 10 4	8 6 2	63 41 18
10.	Florida 9,962	0 0 0	1 1 1	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 1 1
11.	Georgia 17,709	2 1 1	11 6 6	18 13 7	18 15 7	24 19 13	24 18 9	97 72 43
12.	Hawaii 581	0 <i>0</i> <i>0</i>	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
13.	Idaho 2,473	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
14.	Illinois 40,152	39 18 12	60 41 27	47 33 20	63 37 23	51 34 17	50 36 22	310 199 121
15.	Indiana 21,074	21 8 6	32 20 12	16 14 8	17 11 8	15 9 4	25 15 7	126 77 45
16.	Iowa 11,070	10 7 3	9 7 3	6 6 3	12 10 6	7 5 3	3 2 2	47 37 20
17.	Kansas 11,398	3 1 0	7 5 3	9 5 4	10 6 3	12 9 5	7 6 3	48 32 18
18.	Kentucky 9,328	3 1 0	7 5 2	10 6 6	7 4 4	4 2 1	5 4 3	36 22 16

TABLE 2.5 (contd)

			DEE 2.0	(001100)					
19.	Louisiana 15,148	19 18 18	33 27 23	22 16 12	14 12 7	21 15 7	17 13 10	126 101 77	
20.	Maine 381	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
21.	Maryland 7,779	12 9 7	22 14 11	16 11 7	14 8 8	19 17 6	13 12 7	96 71 46	
22.	Massachusetts 15,663	11 6 6	15 10 9	13 8 6	10 6 4	17 12 5	17 11 6	83 53 36	
23.	Michigan 33,497	30 24 10	72 58 24	97 73 18	85 60 28	171 148 34	158 140 31	613 503 145	
24.	Minnesota 11,667	13 10 9	19 11 6	23 16 10	22 17 9	28 21 11	16 11 5	121 86 50	
25.	Mississippi 7,623	5 4 0	5 3 1	7 6 4	6 4 1	9 9 1	17 13 5	49 39 12	
26.	Missouri 16,729	2 1 1	9 6 5	8 5 4	14 10 3	13 8 4	19 13 8	65 43 25	
27.	Montana 2,820	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 1 0	3 3 3	2 2 0	1 1 0	7 7 3	
28.	Nebraska 5,864	16 7 7	5 2 1	10 10 7	10 8 5	9 9 5	5 2 1	55 38 26	
29.	Nevada 1,652	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	5 4 4	5 5 3	6 4 2	16 13 9	
30.	New Hampshire 964	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
31.	New Jersey 20,768	23 17 12	19 6 4	23 10 5	14 7 4	18 10 7	21 12 4	118 62 36	
32.	New Mexico 7,433	4 4 3	3 2 2	12 10 7	11 8 5	7 5 0	6 6 3	43 35 20	
33.	New York 36,156	35 21 10	66 25 10	63 34 21	51 21 7	62 35 18	42 25 7	319 161 75	
34.	North Carolina 8,809	5 5 2	4 4 3	8 7 6	3 3 2	9 8 4	3 3 2	32 30 19	
35.	North Dakota 1.403	0 0 0	3 1 1	1 0 0	2 2 1	6 4 1	2 2 1	14 9 4	
36.	Ohio 37,757	21 14 10	26 15 7	30 21 12	25 24 15	27 18 13	18 9 2	147 101 59	

TABLE 2.5 (conc1)

37.	Oklahoma 13,413	39 33 21	8 5 5	9 6 4	21 13 9	16 10 7	17 14 11	110 81 57
38.	Oregon 7,675	4 2 0	5 5 4	1 0 0	4 4 2	6 4 2	4 4 3	24 19 11
39.	Pennsylvania 33,639	25 17 14	53 35 25	61 49 35	43 23 10	46 33 11	28 22 7	256 179 102
40.	Rhode Island 2,348	1 0 0	1 1 0	1 1 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	3 2 0
41.	South Carolina 7,352	1 1 1	5 2 2	7 7 2	7 7 5	10 7 5	8 4 4	38 28 19
42.	South Dakota 1,612	2 2 2	1 1 0	1 1 0	0 0 0	3 1 1	1 1 1	8 6 4
43.	Tennessee 10,507	8 5 3	13 8 4	2 1 1	11 5 1	9 5 5	9 4 2	52 28 16
44.	Texas 49,971	57 34 24	57 37 27	68 43 27	77 49 35	95 68 42	72 53 31	426 284 186
45.	Utah 5,212	4 3 3	10 8 5	3 3 2	8 6 5	13 13 9	8 6 4	46 39 28
46.	Vermont 275	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
47.	Virginia 8,489	4 4 4	12 0 4	22 17 13	12 9 7	11 7 3	6 4 1	67 49 32
48.	Washington 9,039	14 10 8	6 3 3	9 6 3	8 6 3	3 2 0	2 2 0	42 29 17
49.	West Virginia 7.544	7 6 5	8 6 3	7 3 1	6 5 2	15 8 3	5 4 0	40 32 14
50.	Wisconsin 17,779	56 52 41	25 19 14	10 6 3	7 6 4	7 6 4	8 7 4	113 96 70
51.	Wyoming 2,182	3 1 1	1 1 0	2 2 1	1 0 0	0 Q 0	0 Q 0	7 4 2
52.	National Total 648,939	676 * 465 330	878 577 345	885 630 349	894 604 348	993 739 357	90 1 689 304	5230 3704 2033

Reportable leaks, OPSO data
 Damage by outside forces, OPSO data
 Damage by outside parties, OPSO data
 Mileage of pipeline (gas mains only) (AGA Data 1975, from Gas Facts 1976)
 One incident was not identified

TABLE 2.6 BREAKDOWN BY STATES OF PIPELINE REPORTABLE LEAKS FOR GAS TRANSMISSION AND GATHERING SYSTEMS

		1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	Total
1.	Alabama	8	5	5	3	3	4	281
	5,3464	0 0	1 1	1 1	2 2	2 1	0 0	62 53
2	Alaska	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
۷.	115	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.	Arizona	1	1	3	3	3	1	12
	5,049	0 0	1 1	2 2	2 2	3	1 1	9 9
4	Arkansas	15	16	a	25	21	16	101
ч.	7,466	13	14	6	20	19	16	88
		9	12	6	18	15	13	73
5.	California	12	21	23	17	20	16	111
	8,645	13 9	11 9	13 9	9 7	11 a	12 11	69 53
6	Colorado	9	10	6	6	6	11	48
٥.	8,004	5	3	3	6	6	9	32
		2	3	2	5	4	7	23
7.	Connecticut	1	4	2	9	1	2	19
	486	0 0	0	0	1 1	0 0	0 0	1 1
g	Delaware	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
٥.	228	ő	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	23	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 <i>0</i>
10.	Florida	2	0	1	2	5	2	12
	2,952	2	0	1	2	5	2	12
		1	0	1	2	3	2	9
11.	Georgia 4,970	2 0	4 3	1 0	2 2	1 1	2 2	12 8
	4,970	0	2	0	1	1	2	6
12.	Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
		0	0	0	0	0	1	1
13.	Idaho 1,312	<i>0</i> 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	2 2	<i>0</i> 0	3 2
	1,312	ő	0	0	0	1	0	1
14.	Illinois	6	10	12	9	9	8	54
	10,100	0	2	3	3	2	3	13
1.5	T 11	0	1	2	1	2	1	7
15.	Indiana 6,193	3 1	13 5	7 5	5 2	12 5	7 2	47 20
	0,123	1	3	4	1	3	1	13
16.	Iowa	8	1	2	4	3	11	29
	6,203	2	0	0	2	1	6	11
10	V	2	0	0	2	1	4	9
17.	Kansas 22,882	24 9	21 8	19 8	21 10	40 16	14 5	139 56
	,	6	3	5	2	13	3	32
18.	Kentucky	17	16	15	14	32	27	121
	10,488	8	14	12	11	22	18	85

TABLE 2.6 (contd)

		1A	BLE 2.6	(conta)					
	Louisiana 23,966	20 8 6	38 17 14	26 14 10	52 30 14	51 24 16	26 18 11	213 111 71	
20.	Maine 80	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
21.	Maryland 755	0 0 0	2 1 1	3 1 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	5 2 1	
22.	Massachusetts 784	1 1 0	6 0 0	6 1 1	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	21 2 1	
23.	Michigan 6,706	3 3 3	6 2 1	7 2 0	5 3 3	3 1 1	4 1 0	28 12 8	
24.	Minnesota 3,985	2 1 1	3 1 0	0 0 0	3 2 1	3 3 1	7 4 4	18 11 7	
25.	Mississippi 9,433	9 4 4	13 5 4	12 6 6	10 5 3	6 2 2	9 4 2	59 26 21	
26.	Missouri 4,168	4 2 0	5 3 1	6 I 1	1 0 0	4 1 0	7 3 1	27 10 3	
27.	Montana 4,615	0 0 0	5 4 3	0 0 0	2 0 0	3 1 1	2 1 1	12 6 5	
28.	Nebraska 7,469	7 6 6	3 2 2	6 3 2	8 7 4	10 6 5	8 5 4	42 29 23	
29.	Nevada 1,293	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
30.	New Hampshire 129	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
31.	New Jersey 1,309	3 1 1	1 0 0	1 1 1	1 0 0	0 0 0	2 1 1	8 3 3	
32.	New Mexico 14.224	3 3 3	3 2 1	10 5 5	7 3 3	5 4 1	2 2 2	30 19 15	
33.	New York 4,379	4 2 1	3 3 1	8 4 0	5 1 1	2 1 1	4 1 1	26 12 5	
34.	North Carolina 2.291	5 3 3	10 8 7	2 2 1	9 8 8	2 1 1	1 1 1	29 23 21	
35.	North Dakota 1.130	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 1 1	0 0 0	1 1 1	
36.	Ohio 13,748	23 11 7	29 14 10	12 9 4	29 20 10	20 17 10	13 8 4	126 79 45	

TABLE 2.6 (concl)

37.	Oklahoma 19,385	31 23 21	35 28 25	30 20 18	41 29 24	46 24 21	22 19 16	205 143 125
38.	Oregon 1,163	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 0	1 1 1	1 1 1	0 0 0	3 2 2
39.	Pennsylvania 17,742	25 7 5	28 11 6	20 6 2	24 10 5	20 10 4	15 7 6	132 51 28
40.	Rhode Island 53	2 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0	4 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	9 0 0
41.	South Carolina 2,315	1 0 0	3 3 3	5 4 2	3 3 3	8 6 3	0 0 0	20 16 11
42.	South Dakota 942	2 1 1	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	2 1 1
43.	Tennessee 5,134	2 0 0	0 0 0	3 0 0	3 3 3	6 2 2	2 1 1	16 6 6
44.	Texas 56,017	57 33 27	55 27 22	99 61 55	116 59 50	73 49 42	79 47 39	479 276 235
45.	Utah 1,365	2 1 0	2 2 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	0 0 0	1 1 1	7 6 4
46.	Vermont 60	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 1 1	1 1 1
47.	Virginia 2,435	2 0 0	3 1 0	2 0 0	1 1 0	1 1 0	1 0 0	10 3 0
48.	Washington 1,720	1 1 1	1 0 0	1 1 0	0 0 0	1 1 1	2 2 2	6 5 4
49.	West Virginia 14,443	25 17 7	26 16 2	38 23 7	21 14 3	26 20 5	33 22 5	169 112 29
50.	Wisconsin 3,166	1 1 0	1 0 0	2 0 0	0 0 0	1 1 1	0 0 0	5 2 1
51.	Wyoming 4,214	1 1 1	4 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	3 0 0	2 0 0	12 1 1
52.	National Total 331,105	346 183 133	409 212 145	409 219 154	471 272 185	458 272 184	366 226 156	2459 1384 957

Reportable leaks, OPSO data
 Damage by outside forces, OPSO data
 Damage by outside parties, OPSO data
 Mileage of pipeline (1975 AGA data, Gas Facts 1976)